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Timbuktu: This letter is being written over one month in advance and I can only imagine how I must feel at this stage of July's ministry schedule.

The last newsletter you received stated that you would receive the newsletter when I was in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). By the time you receive this newsletter I will be back home again following a one month ministry schedule in Africa.



In anticipation of my schedule and the lack of equipment with which to write and print a newsletter, this is being written just before embarking on the journey. One thing I can assure you of is that I have appreciated your prayers during this period.

My visa application for Congo was denied four times before being issued. The reasons had to do with serious security concerns in the area where I have been ministering. After a senior consular officer intervened and checked my previous records, the visa was issued and the trip began. While in Congo a new *meeting place* of believers was established and daily teaching was done to help them live a victorious life of hope. It has been reported that over 1,250 people die each day of war related causes in eastern DRC. Without doubt they need the hope only God can bring to them.

John Dunaway, my home fellowship leader when I was saved twenty five years ago, was with me in Congo where the *work* included teaching in the newly established *meeting place*. In addition John has a seminar with several universities coming together for teaching.

The second part of the journey has been in the Sahara Desert region of Mali. *Big meetings* were held and a new *meeting place* was established. Larry Noda from Tallahassee has been with me in Mali and has helped with daily teaching for the new congregation. Attending junior high school together, going to the same church and living nearby as teenagers qualifies Larry and I for long term friendship.

I have always said that if I ever got to Timbuktu I would send a newsletter from there. The *big meetings* were held not far from Timbuktu and it was not possible for me to be that close and not go to the legendary city of Timbuktu. According to ancient scripture, *God will give you the desires of your heart*. The promise of God is available for every one of us.

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"Our desire is to preach the gospel in the regions beyond" 2 Corinthians 10:16

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